reports of achievements and use of resources.

(c) and (d) The annual report is expected to contain judicial statistics as well as other information relating to Administration of Justice. This would provide the necessary insight to the performance of courts on disposal of cases and facilitating monitoring and valuation.

(e) A copy of the resolution has been forwarded to all High Courts. No time frame has been fixed in this regard.

Mineral exploration in Kerala

2107. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study or exploration has been undertaken in Kerala for possibilities of the mining of any ore metals or minerals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending for mining of beach sand minerals in private sector in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Mineral exploration studies have been carried out in Kerala by Geological Survey of India (GSI), State Directorate of Mining and Geology (DMG), Indian Rare Earths Ltd. (IREL), Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) of Department of Atomic Energy.

(b) During the last three years GSI has undertaken investigation for sedimentary and residual clay deposits in Nileswaram in Kasargod district. Tentative reserve of 25 million tonnes of combined residual and sendimentary clay has been estimated. Gold investigation has been carried out in Palakkad district and in Punnapuzha-Chaliyarpuzha sector of Malappuram district. Minor incidences of gold are recorded.

AMD has established a potential of Teri sand and heavy beach sand minerals. IREL and Kerala Mining Mineral Limited (KMML) has conducted study for beach sand in Kerala. DMG has been conducting studies for clay and silica sand.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The following nine mineral concession proposals received from State Government of Kerala are, under consideration with this Ministry:—

S. No.	Name of the Party	Nature of Concession	Mineral(s)	Area/village/district
1	2	3	4	5
1.	M/s Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, zircon and sillimanite	4.5 hects. of shore line lying west of identified survey numbers in Purrakad and Trikunnapuzha villages, district Alappuzha
2.	M/s Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, zircon & sillimanite	4.5 hects. of shore line lying west of identified survey numbers in Trikunnapuzha village, district Alappuzha
3.	M/s. Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, zircon & sillimanite	4.65 hects. of shore line lying west of identified survey numbers in Trikunnapuzha village, district Alappuzha
4.	M/s. Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Beach sand containing minerals such as Ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, zircon & sillimanite	4.80 hects. in Kayal Poramboke, Arattupuzha village, Alappuzha district
5.	M/s. Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, zircon & sillimanite	173.39.72 hects. in Arattupuzha village, Alappuzha district
6.	M/s. Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Beach sand containing minerals such as Ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, zircon & sillimanite	4 hects. of Kayal poramboke in Arattupuzha village, Alappuzha district
7.	M/s. Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Beach sand containing minerals such as Ilmenite, ruticle zircon & sillimanite	4.42.75 hects. of Arattupuzha village, ,leucoxene, Alappuzha district

1	2	3	4	5
8.	M/s. Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Beach sand containing minerals such as Ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, zircon & sillimanite	4.00 hects. of unsurveyed sea poramboke lying west of certain servey numbers in Arattupuzha village, Alappuzha district
9.	M/s. Kerala Rare Earths and Minerals Ltd.	ML	Beach sand containing minerals such as Ilmenite, rutile, leucoxene, zircon & sillimanite	4.00 hects. of certain identified survey numbers in Arattupuzha village, Alappuzha district

Inspection of mines

2108. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) had inspected mines during the second and third quarter of 2004-05 and pointed out a large number of cases of violation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many cases of violations, compliance has been detected;

(d) whether any prosecutions have also been launched on serious violations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the guidelines issued to ensure that such violations do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (e) The requisite information for second and third quarter of 2004-05 is given below:

	2nd quarter	3rd quarter
Mines inspected	678	689
No. of cases of violation	818	627
Violation rectified	316	287
Prosecution launched	7	44

(f) IBM have adopted pro-active approach for compliance of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules (MCDR), 1988. During inspections,